

Marist College Prepares WIFLE Members for Career Advancement with Online Master of Public Administration

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Careers in law enforcement and criminal justice are rewarding and demanding. In addition to constantly learning new investigative techniques, technology, and policies to be effective on the job today, women in the field must also consider long-term career planning. Whether this is strategizing for promotions or establishing a “back up plan” in the event of injury or illness, obtaining a graduate degree in Public Administration can help to differentiate you from the competition and provide valuable management and leadership skills.

The Master of Public Administration degree (MPA) is especially relevant for law enforcement, human service, and government professionals, as well as those interested in non-profit administration. Public Administration programs typically stress three important areas:

- 1) understanding the political, legal, ethical and social context of public sector administration;
- 2) achieving proficiency in a full range of management techniques, as well as developing an understanding of organizational behavior;
- 3) developing the ability to apply quantitative and qualitative methodologies to solve important problems, conduct policy analysis, and program evaluations.

While these skills are important for advancement within the law enforcement field, they are also valuable for public safety leadership positions within education, health care, government, and many other fields.

Marist College, a WIFLE-endorsed academic partner, has offered the MPA since 1980 and, for 20 years, has partnered with the New York Police Department and the New York State Police to deliver the program to their academies. For those outside of New York, Marist also offers a 100% online MPA for law enforcement. This program is designed exclusively for law enforcement personnel and students represent a diverse mix of professionals from local, state, and federal agencies throughout the nation. This combination of experience provides for a rich and beneficial learning environment and allows students the opportunity to widen their professional networks.

The online law enforcement MPA has a special tuition rate of \$333 per credit (\$999 per course) for WIFLE members. This represents a savings of over 50% from Marist’s standard tuition of \$2,085 per course and results in **a total tuition cost of approximately \$13,000**. Applications are currently being accepted for January 2011. If you have any questions about the online law enforcement MPA or any of Marist’s other programs, please contact Brian Scott or Laura Zurowski at 888-877-7900, or via email at graduate@marist.edu.

About Marist College: The Marist campus is located on the Hudson River midway between New York City and Albany. Founded in 1929, the College is accredited by the

Middle States Association of Colleges and recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. The Princeton Review named Marist one of the best 368 colleges in the country and for seventeen years, *U.S. News & World Report* has consistently ranked Marist in its top tier. The College offers over 50 undergraduate degrees and 10 graduate programs, many of which can be completed online.



The 2011 edition of *U.S. News & World Report* ranks Marist College in the Top 10 of Colleges and Universities in the North.